

September 6, 1977

ATTACHMENT A

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Budgeting for the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)

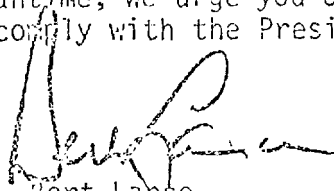
The President has directed Federal agencies to examine their activities to assure appropriate priority has been given to energy conservation. Agencies should pursue activities necessary to implement Executive Order No. 12003 relating to Federal Government energy conservation.

This Executive order requires that agencies aim by 1985 to reduce their energy consumption from 1975 levels: (1) by 20 percent for existing Federal buildings, (2) by 45 percent for new Federal buildings, and (3) through meeting specified fuel economy standards for new car purchases. Copies of Executive Order No. 12003 and the associated White House press release are attached to this memorandum.

You should identify activities that will help achieve the President's energy conservation goals. In doing so, please look carefully at your existing programs to see whether there are areas where tradeoffs can be made.

There may be a tendency to defer energy conservation improvements in order to respond to near-term problems that are identified more directly with the agencies' stated missions. We urge you to be sensitive to this tendency and take a balanced view giving full consideration to the President's Federal Government-wide energy reduction goals.

This year staff of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Energy Administration (Department of Energy after October 1, 1977) will meet with staff of key agencies that have major energy-saving potential to give guidance with respect to information needed in addition to that in their FY 1979 budget requests. For subsequent years, this Office will publish formal budget guidance on the Federal Energy Management Program for all executive agencies. In the meantime, we urge you on your own initiative to take steps necessary to comply with the President's Executive order.

  
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Director

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